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Richard Bernabei
Kingston, Ont.

Dear Diek,

I'm sorry that I haven't heard from you since I wrote you. I hope everything is well.

I am writing you now to make a rather large request of you, which could be of great value to me. I have decided to go to law school after I graduate from Penn, and skip graduate school entirely. I will start making applications in the next 3 months. One of the requirements for application to almost all law schools is personal recommendations, not necessarily from professors at the applicants school, but, more broadly, from anyone who knows the applicant and is familiar with his work. These recommendations are strictly confidential, and even I would not be allowed to see it.

If you have no objections and if it is not a burden to you at this point, I would really appreciate it if you could write a recommendation for me. I'm not sure of the length required, but I imagine that you should simply use the length required to say what you want to say, without going to extremes in word numbers. You should describe yourself and your relationship with me, and then write about what you know of my work and about me as a person or colleague. You must also stipulate that you agree to have this reproduced to send to any law schools requesting recommendations. You should send the recommendation to: Pre-Law Office, Dean of Students Building, University of Pa., 3533 Locust Walk, Phila., Pa. 19104.

In some ways I feel awkward making this request. I think it would be best, should you decide to write a recommendation, that you not send me a copy, if you would have any thoughts of doing so. I can assure you there is no other way I could see what you had written.

I would be indebted for any help you could give me on this. Either way, please write soon for I am anxious to hear from you and concerned at your delay in responding.

Best,

Harold

Harold- this should give you the info. you need. I can't tell you what a help it would be & how much I'd appreciate it. My best to both of you —

Harold